

ECHOES

Past — Present —
and Future

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

ALL CURRENT AND FORMER AFTAC PERSONNEL, SPOUSES AND GUESTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND THESE EVENTS.

November 14th – Annual Dinner Social!
Add the date to your Calendar. Join us

Location and times provided later.



General Membership Breakfast 26 Sep 2015 09:00 cost \$12.00 —
— Buffet Breakfast. Eggs, potatoes, meats, toast, chili, etc., juice and coffee.
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Sovada takes command of Nuclear Treaty Monitoring Center
By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — Members of the Air Force Technical Applications Center said goodbye to one leader and hello to another at a change of command ceremony today (06.19). Col. Christopher A. **Worley** relinquished command of the nuclear treaty monitoring center to Col. Jennifer P. **Sovada** in front of more than 350 people in attendance. Maj. Gen. John N.T. **Shanahan**, commander of 25th Air Force, officiated the ceremony.



Jerry LaBarre Jerry died Jan 5th 2015 of complications from diabetes and pneumonia.

Lt Col (Ret) Frank McGuire died Sunday Jan 25 at 6:25 am in Sioux Falls SD. Frank wanted to be buried in his uniform because, even after 40 years of retirement, he still wanted to be back with his old friends from AFTAC. Frank was - an Airborne systems Officer with AFTAC's F Systems as well as a bomb /navigator.

Chamberlain, Richard Eugene "Dick", LtCol USAF Retired of Sacramento, died January 1, 2015, at 90years of age. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942 and graduated - from pilot training in Texas in 1945. He worked at the 1155th TechOpsSq back in the 1970's.

John E. Charette, 73, of Alfred Maine died on February 1st at Maine Medical Center in Portland resulting from a tragic accident. He meritoriously served 21 years and retired from the U.S. Air Force in Denver, Colorado.

Thomas Bressan R, MSGT, USAF. Tom was a life member of AFTAC Alumni Association, West Coast Chapter. He was a "C" and "U" system technicians in the 1960's, passed away on January 28, 2015. His battle with cancer ended suddenly surrounded by his family. Joined the US Air Force in 1960. He served for 22 years and retired in 1982.

Wilbur C. "Hank" Raymond, Jr. 85, retired MSGT, of Satellite Beach, FL passed away on Feb. 10, 2015.

Richard Rudolph "Rudy", 78, of Harlingen, Texas, formerly of Sandoval, passed Sunday, Nov 23, 2014, at Harlingen Mediactal Canter in Harlingen, Texas. He retired from the US Air Force in 1974. He worked for Unisys until he retired. After retirement he bought a fifth-wheel and traveled the country for the last 20 years.

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Rich Krebs Col (ret) passed away Feb 28th.



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Satch Satterlee He passed away at home the morning of March 10th, after a quick illness,

Harvey Shaw, MSgt (Ret), passed away on 03.15.15 after a short battle with cancer, Harvey retired from the US Air Force AFTAC, and then from the US Post Office. .

Clifford Walters, (1934 - 2015) , Cliff retired from the Air Force in 1971 after serving AFTAC assignments overseas and stateside, including duty as a B Technique instructor at SPINSTR.

Frank Winter passed away Friday March 20.

George Thompson, Senior Master Sergeant, entered into rest in Clearlake, CA, on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at the age of 84.

THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD, AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD.
AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM, NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN.
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING,
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM. ...LEST WE FORGET

Helen Louise Alexander, 74, died peacefully in her sleep at home in Indian Harbour Beach, FL on Tuesday, March 31, 2015. She and husband, William Alexander were wed in 1966 and shared his military life for 27 years, living in Virginia, Japan, Nebraska, and finally, Florida.

Walter Jack Jackson, age 74, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, 28 April 2015, after bravely fighting cancer this past month.

Major General Paul Allen Dettmer, United States Air Force, Retired, age 59, died peacefully at home with his family in Centreville, Virginia on Monday, December 29th, 2014, after a courageous battle with cancer. As a Colonel, General Dettmer was AFTAC commander.

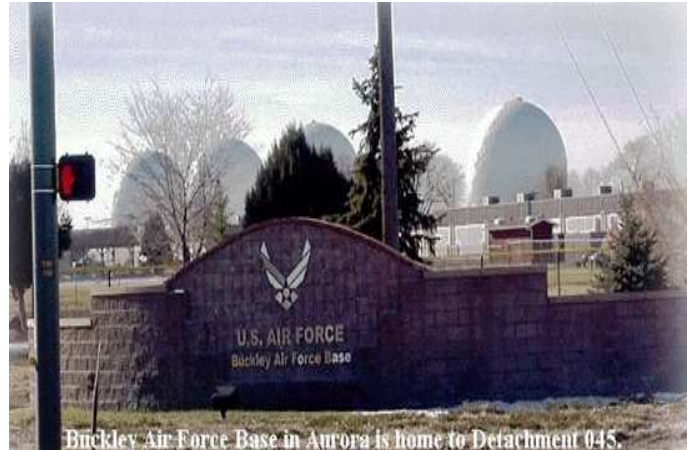
Mickey Martin, Col Retired, 69, passed away Sunday. (July 5th).

Herbert John Pabst, 93, passed July 18, 2015 at home in Denver. Herb was born October 28, 1921 in Lincoln, Nebraska to the late Henry and Katherine Pabst. He graduated from Lincoln High



School in 1939 and attended the University of Nebraska. He was drafted into military service in 1942 and ended up serving in the Army Air Corp as a radio operator for the B-29s based in Guam until 1946 when he was discharged at Fort

Logan in Denver. He was married to Vernetta L. Prosch September 1, 1946 in Bloomfield, Nebraska. He worked as a Civilian Training Specialist for AFTAC at Lowry AFB for 30 years. After retirement, he and Vernetta moved to Sun City, Arizona for nearly 18 years and returned to Denver 4 years ago. Herb was an avid golfer and played regularly through his 90th birthday.



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*Many heart felt thanks for those that sent cards and best wishes. Also to the fellows who came to the funeral, Herb really cared for Aftac.
Verny Pabst*

January Social Breakfast



February 28th Alumni Breakfast





Det 45 left to right, Maj Dex Landreth, A1C Justin Sneed, and Steve Clark

Det 45 left to right, Maj Dex Landreth, TSgt Elias Ayala, and Steve Clark

AFTAC ALUMNI OF THE YEAR, 2014

Sean announced as the 'Alumni of the Year' 2014 at the Florida Association's annual SnowBall (Jan 31). At an event that Sean was the 'Major Arranger' the President, Lou **Seiler**, and the AFTAC CC, Col **Worley**, made the announcement. Sean was surprised and touched by this honor and made a moving acceptance. He had been selected by previous recipients of this highest honor bestowed by the Alumni Association. Sean also received the 'Traditional T' and letter of congratulations from the Assn President and was our first recipient of the new 'Alumni Association coin' specially minted for the association and further refined for this selection and honor,

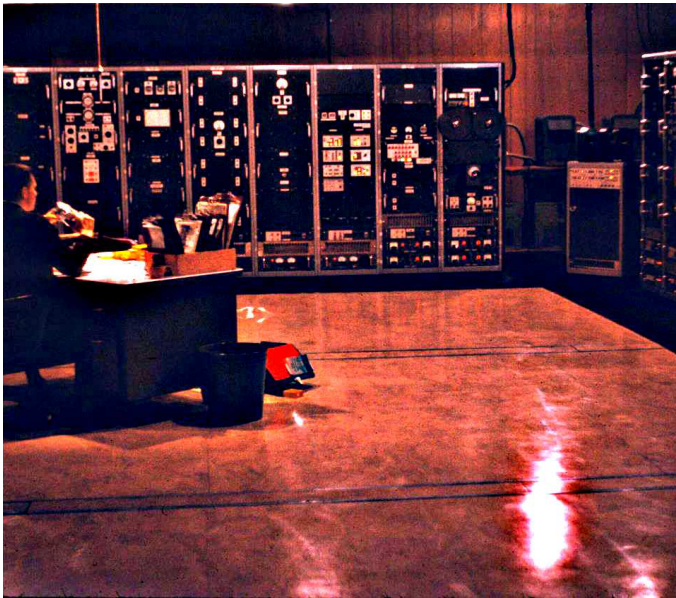


Not pictured, **Detachment 46** recipient NCO: **SSgt Steven Bazzell**



Not pictured, **Detachment 46** recipient Airman: **SrA Kayla Drummond**

Detachment 519 Circa 1970



Others



Remember these?



Remember the ASR33's



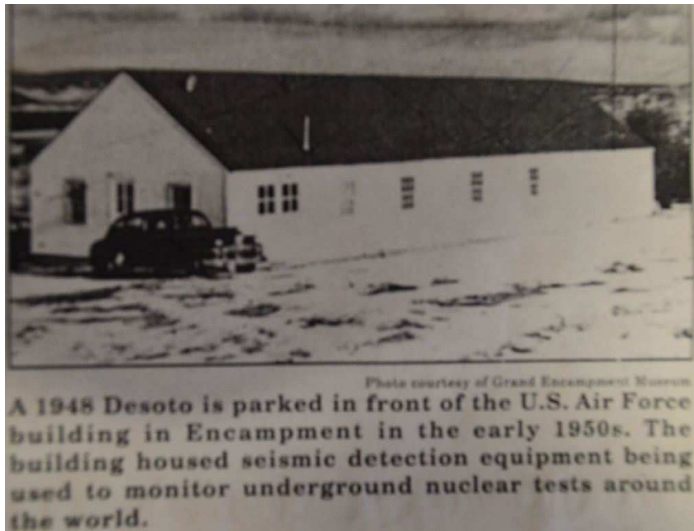
I don't know where these were taken.
Anyone recognize them?

Time: July 1972

Place: Encampment Wyoming, population approximately 300 (from 1970 census)

Event: After 20 years of operation, Detachment 142 was deactivated.

This small Detachment which had approximately 15 people at a time made lasting impacts on the nearby community.



The Detachment and its people are still remembered at the Grand Encampment Museum, located at 807 Barnett Street in Encampment, Wyoming. Bill Braukman of Denver was one of the first officers assigned to the Detachment (1951-1953). When Bill visited the museum in April 1990, the museum's director, Vera Oldman, an Encampment resident since 1931, pointed out that the Air Force's role in town history wasn't noted. In

an interview with the Denver Post in April 1991, Vera said the effects were everlasting: "We have a number of local girls from the area that married Air Force boys. I think at one time, they had 20 men there. It really was quite a thing for the economy of the place." Bill obtained some contributions and excess seismic equipment. He and other alumni worked on the equipment in his garage to prepare it for the exhibit. Bill also managed to get a \$1,000 grant from the Teledyne Charitable Trust Foundation (prime contractor for the original installation). Dedication ceremonies were in the spring of 1991 and attracted ranchers, town folks and former AFTAC'ers. The exhibit at the museum for U.S. Air Force Detachment 142 and its role in nuclear monitoring became a reality. Another dream of Bill Braukman's was to create a scholarship fund for science students from Encampment. I am not sure of the status of Bill's Fund at this time. Bill passed away in August 2006. Leonard Clark was one of the people that turned off the lights on the Detachment in July 1972. In the book *Saratoga & Encampment Wyoming, an Album of Family Histories*, Copyright 1989, ISBN 0-943255-25-2, Len talks about his life in Wyoming:

It was a cold and snowy day in November 1970, when I arrived in Encampment. I had been assigned from Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado, to the U.S. Air Force Detachment in Encampment. Of course I was excited about coming to Wyoming for a tour of duty, which I thought would be my last duty station before retiring in three years.

However, the Air Force decided to close this detachment in 1972. I was reassigned to an Air Force detachment in Pinedale, where I remained until my retirement on June 30, 1973. After remaining in Pinedale until June 1974, I decided that I would make my retirement home in Encampment, and moved back here in July 1974.

In the fall of 1974, I acquired some property near the Encampment Museum, and in the summer of 1975 I began construction of a home. After three years of construction work, the house was ready for company. In May of 1978 my mother, Fannie Mae Hester, moved here from Texas and joined me in the move into our new home.

Quite often I have been asked why I ever decided to retire in Encampment. Since I grew up in small communities in Texas, I have always felt more at home in smaller, less populated areas and the Platte Valley was a place I quickly became attached to. ...

From 1976 to 1978 I served as Mayor of Encampment. Becoming this involved in local government was really an educational experience for me. After serving as Mayor, I continued to be active in local fire and ambulance services of the community....

Another community activity which I have been associated with is that of our Grand Encampment Museum. I have served on the museum board since 1975. I think this facility is a wonderful attraction to our community and one that we should be very proud of.

Len helped Bill Braukman set up the museum exhibit with other alumni and cared for it until 2010. Rick Phillips and I visited the museum in August 2010 and met Len at his house – which is right across the street from the museum. He was moving himself out of his home at the time, due to health reasons. He was a remarkable man.

Leonard Clark passed away at 79 on June 24, 2011 at Valley View Healthcare in Saratoga. He was born July 24, 1931 in Fort Worth Texas. He served 21 years in the Air Force, including assignments to Greenland, France, Germany, The Democratic Republic of Congo, Vietnam, Thailand, the Phillipines and Taiwan. He was a 33rd degree member of the Scottish Rite Masons in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

While I was researching information for this article Ken Behrens, our Echos publisher, connected me with Quent Hovland who was also stationed at Detachment 142. Quent and his wife Jane were there from 1964 to 1966. Quent was a student the same time as Ken at the Lowry schoolhouse (1963-1964). As one of the few married students, Quent and his wife Jane would loan their car and cook meals for the single airmen students. Ken stated that he really enjoyed the Saturday morning breakfast that Jane would cook up for the guys. In June 1964 the Hovlands moved to Encampment. Quent said that Jane was from the city and when they first drove into Riverside (in 1960 Riverside had a population of 87), where all of the roads were dirt, she was somewhat shocked. They had just cleaned out the reservoir and their temporary lodging's water came out of the tap brown colored with stuff in it. Due to scarce housing, they rented a single bedroom hunting cabin from a hunting guide but had to be out by hunting season in October. When I asked Quent about his most memorable experience there, he said that he and his family really enjoyed helping out at the Silver Spur ranch and were good friends with the people there. They helped with branding, feeding the cattle, and any of the other chores required in ranch operations. In his earlier life, Quent had performed some vet work on cattle on a small farm. In 1966 Quent and his family received orders back to Lowry where Quent became an instructor. Then to Turkey from 1968 to 1970. Quent left the Air Force in 1970. Ken Behrens told me that once on the way to the

Detachment in Pinedale (he was stationed there 1964 – 1968) he stopped by Det 142 to see Quent. Ken missed Quent as he was out on the ranch helping out with the branding. Ken said that he went out to the ranch and visited with Quent. He watched (keyword is watched) Quent work for a while before hitting the road to Pinedale. My wife Sue and I went up to visit the museum on August 13th of this year to see the Detachment exhibit and enjoy a brief getaway. Before our visit I talked with Christy Smith, the museum Director and she sent me some pictures of the displays and information on the exhibit. Christy was very cordial. Unfortunately, she was out of town when Sue & I visited the museum but she told the staff that we were coming. At the

museum we were warmly greeted by two young girls, Nina and Amber, and by Linda who gave us the tour and access to their library. The Air Force exhibit is located in the Vocational Agricultural Building which was built in 1935 by high school students and moved to the museum in 1991. Nina showed us her great, great, great grandparent's log cabin which had been moved from a mile away, log by log, to the museum. The Peryam house, as it is called, was built in 1876. The inside was a step back in time. The people at the Red Wagon Mercantile (had some quilting materials) and the Bear Trap (good hamburgers and Rocky Mountain Oysters) all made us feel welcome. I can see why Len loved this place so much.

According to an article in the Saratoga Sun dated 5 April 2006 the old detachment was part of the Brush Creek/Hayden U.S. Forest Service complex and was scheduled to be sold. I am trying to track down the disposition of the complex and may write a follow-up section on this subject.

I could go on about the museum and the people that are connected by it, but I need to keep this short for the newsletter. To sum it up, if you get a chance, go visit the Grand Encampment Museum. If you can't - you can visit their website at: <http://www.gemuseum.com/>

The museum operates from grants and donations. If you feel so inclined, you can donate on line at their website (they accept PayPal) or you can send a check to: Grand Encampment Museum, 807 Barnett Ave, Encampment WY 82325 and help preserve a piece of our history



Grand Encampment Museum Buildings (Courtesy of Bryce Dunn)



Grand Encampment Museum – Detachment 142 Exhibit (Courtesy of Christy Smith, Museum Director)



Grand Encampment Museum Tour Guides (Courtesy of Bryce Dunn)

Detachment 45 Change of Command Ceremony



A Detachment 45 Change of Command Ceremony was conducted at Buckley AFB on 2 Jun 2015 with presiding officer Lt Col Robert McLaughlin, Commander, Distributed Mission Operations, AFTAC,



shown here receiving the detachment guidon from the outgoing detachment commander, Maj Dex Landreth (left), then presenting the guidon to the new commander, Capt (now Major) Jeffrey Fulton (right). Also included is the detachment superintendent, MSgt Randy Blomstedt. NOTE: Lt Col McLaughlin was the commander of Detachment 46 at Schriever AFB prior to being reassigned to HQ AFTAC in 2013.

Florida World Reunion 2015 Colorado attendee pics



Rob Whitely & Elizabeth McKenny seated at hospitality room table with David Price



L to R is Rick Manley with Colorado members George Cronin & Rick Phillips



Colorado members Ed Gardiner and Bryce Dunn



Colorado members George Cronin & Bryce Dunn in foreground on Cape Canaveral AFS tour



Ed Gardiner standing next to astronaut memorial on Cape Canaveral AFS tour



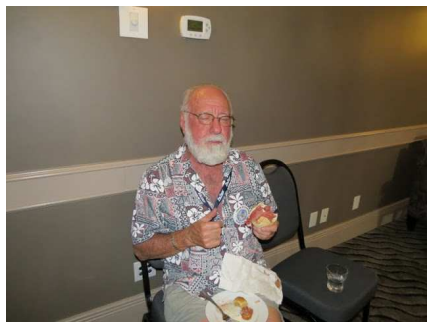
New Colorado member Tom Moates and Jack O'Connor standing at reunion registration table



Colorado members Lonnie & Ginny Gibbons seated behind George Cronin & Rick Phillips on Cape Canaveral tour bus



Colorado members James & Ed Gardiner seated at icebreaker table with Lonnie & Ginny Gibbons



Jack O'Connor without his hat feasting on icebreaker delicacies



Former AFTAC Senior Enlisted Advisor Jim Payne seated at reunion dinner table with Jack O'Connor



Rick Phillips seated at reunion dinner table with Sue & Bryce Dunn

**The list of Colorado members attending were:
George & Cheryl Cronin
Bryce & Sue Dunn
Ed & James Gardiner
Lonnie & Ginny Gibbons
Tom Moates
Jack O'Connor & Darlene Whiting
Rick Phillips**



Lonnie & Ginny Gibbons disembarking from Cape Canaveral tour buses

Detachment 46 Picnic held at Farrish Campgrounds on the U.S. Air Force academy property



Summer 2015 picnic and additional photographs can be found at:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/s-teveandmiriam/sets/72157648114445614> .

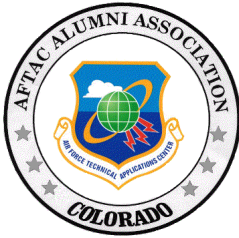
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